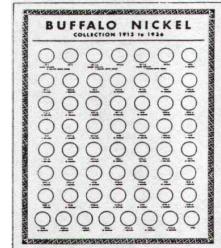


Coin Board News

For Collectors of Antique Coin Boards

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COIN BOARDS FOR SALE Yes, I once again have enough new purchases that a new selection of boards for sale appears with this newsletter. This is an offering of solid material, but the best pieces were placed with want list customers beforehand. This is a gentle reminder to send me your list of desired items. If it's any consolation there were no stellar items such as Earl & Koehler or Gramercy, as it has been years since I've been able to add either publisher to my inventory. Kent Company boards are also now rarely encountered.

MARKET ACTIVITY There was a modest number of coin boards offered on eBay during the past quarter, and none were rarities. In all but one instance the prices realized were determined by the coins they contained, but the lone exception is worth reporting: A slightly damaged Whitman Fourth Edition board for Buffalo Nickels brought \$10 plus shipping, which reflects the very limited demand for this edition in less than choice condition. Failing to sell at \$19.97 was an Oberwise Lincoln Cent board grading F-VF, but the very high shipping price was the likely culprit. Another lot that closed without bids included a slightly better Oberwise Lincoln board paired with a doggy Whitman Second Edition for the same series. Again, the shipping cost was too high, and this lot stood little chance. A trio of boards (Whitman Second Edition Barber Halves, Oberwise Lincoln Cents and Buffalo Nickels) was simply laughable when offered at nearly \$100. A few coin boards are still being offered as this is written, but I won't comment on active listings, other than to say that if coin boards were actually worth as much as sellers believe them to be I could retire.

BOOK UPDATES An important variety has been identified for the rare First Edition Lincoln Cent board by Colonial Coin & Stamp Company. The existing variety described in my book (C1¢B1) has no backing, evidently as made, and this is now revised to C1¢B1a. The newly discovered variety has the familiar backing of clear cellophane, and this has been cataloged as C1¢B1b. The Oberwise catalog continues to grow with minor varieties. New discoveries this quarter include O1¢Bt (dates through 1940, mintages through "5 months") and O5¢At. In a peripheral subject, reader Chris Buck found a closed eBay listing of the only photo known to me showing David J. Malloy (L1¢Bx). He appears at far right in this 1931 police photo of murderer Winnie Ruth Judd (attached).

ANNUAL UPDATES It's that time of year for an update to my coin board book's list of Errata & Addenda. This is attached, along with something new---a similar list for the National Coin Album Book. Despite my having collected coin albums for 30+ years and being extremely diligent in recording all known varieties, a few new ones have surfaced, particularly in the series of Meghrig Green Book albums. Also included with this newsletter is an updated Check List & Value Guide for coin boards. It's difficult to update prices with so few actual sales during the past year, but I feel comfortable raising prices for some known rarities. Most other prices remain static.

BEISTLE COMPANY CHRISTMAS TREE In the last issue I offered Near Mint examples of this rare item at \$25.00 postpaid. These were all sold inside of a week, but I still have a few in slightly lesser condition, let's say VF-NM, and I'm offering these at \$20 postpaid. This group is ideal for inserting coins, as was the publisher's original intent.

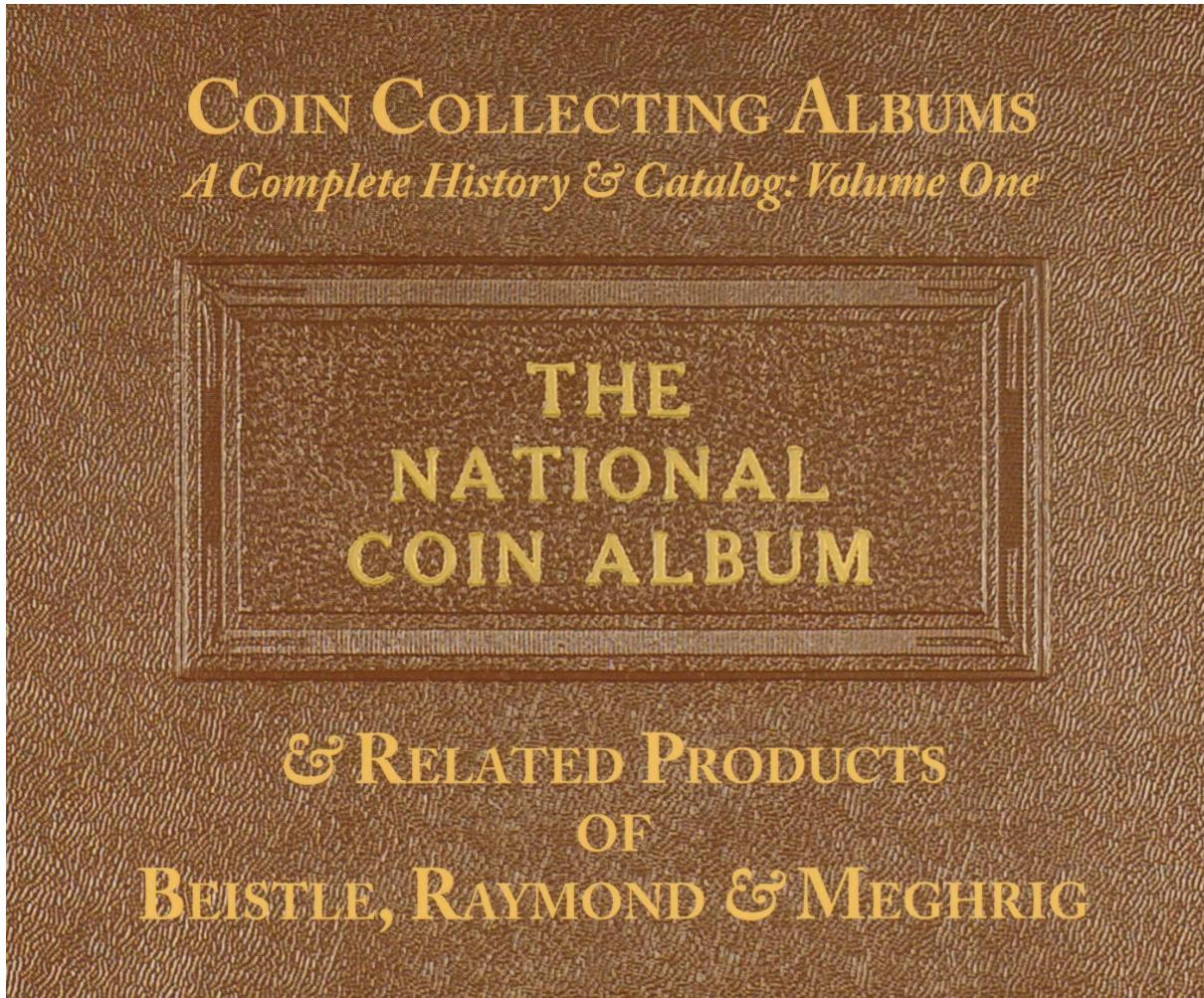
ON THE ROAD AGAIN I'll be at the FUN Show in Orlando January 8-10. Beyond that, my calendar for the first quarter of 2015 is uncertain. Just drop me a line about any specific coin show.

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Great New Book!

The National Coin Album Story



Numismatic researcher David W. Lange has written *Coin Collecting Albums – A Complete History & Catalog Volume One: The National Coin Album & Related Products of Beistle, Raymond & Meghrig*. This is the only book to study The National Coin Album series and other coin holders produced by these three publishers. Richly illustrated, it is nearly 300 pages long, including 80 pages in full color. **The beautiful new book is being offered at \$75, plus \$10 for priority mail shipping in a sturdy box.**

Author David W. Lange is also offering a close-out special on his previous book, *Coin Collecting Boards of the 1930s & 1940s: A Complete History, Catalog and Value Guide*. Published at \$39.95, this title is now just \$20. Both books are published by Lange's own PennyBoard Press.

Mail orders must include \$10 for priority mail shipping of the new coin album book. Shipping for the older book alone is \$5 by media mail. If both books are ordered together, the shipping cost for both is \$12 by priority mail. All books purchased from David W. Lange will be signed, and personalized inscriptions are available upon request. Payment by check made out to David W. Lange or via PayPal to langedw@msn.com.

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